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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6383

BILL NUMBER: SB 110

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 19, 2010

BILL AMENDED: Jan 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Conservancy District Elections.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lawson C

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Bischoff

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that if there is only one nominee for election to a conservancy district board of directors to represent an area of the conservancy district, the nominee is considered elected. If there is only one nominee for election to the board of directors for each area for which a director is to be elected, the election is not required to be held and each of the board members is considered to have been elected as if the election had been held. The bill authorizes a conservancy district board to enter into leases with persons providing cell phone services, including leases of real property owned by the district.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) This bill will reduce expenditures associated with the election of conservancy district board members in instances where there is only one nominee. The impact will depend on conditions specific to each district. There are about 85 conservancy districts in the state.

Authorizing a conservancy district board to enter into leases with persons providing cell phone services, including leases of real property owned by the district, could reduce expenditures for the district.

Background. District elections are held once every four years. Three freeholders must be appointed to act as clerks to conduct the election. Boards must prepare ballots and a list of the freeholders of the district,

which must be certified by the county auditor and placed in the district's files. Before the casting of a vote, each freeholder must sign the list of freeholders opposite the freeholder's name in the presence of the secretary of the district. Clerks must note the fact of receipt of a valid written ballot vote opposite the freeholder's name who cast that vote. Clerks are paid about \$100 per diem. Other expenses could include voting equipment (if necessary).

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Conservancy Districts.

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